

IN THE CLAIMS:

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11. (canceled)
12. (currently amended)

A condiment dispenser carousel, said carousel comprising,

a base structure,

said base structure including a base member and a central projection having a lower end and an upper end extending upwardly from said base member,

a condiment dispenser holding structure mounted adjacent said upper end of said projection to rotate relative to said base member and said projection structure,

said holding structure including a plurality of holders shaped to hold condiment dispensers of a corresponding shape,

said projection being releasably secured to said base member with a manually-releasable locking structure,

said locking structure including a first locking element on said base member and a mating second locking element on said central projection, said first and second locking elements being shaped to lock together and unlock from one another in response to manual movement of said projection and said base member relative to one another,

said holding structure ~~projection~~ having at its top another locking element like said first locking element ~~a portion of another manually-releasable locking structure~~ adapted to receive and lock to a second locking element on the central ~~the~~ projection of another carousel whereby two of said carousels can be mounted atop one another and locked together.

13. (currently amended)

A ~~condiment dispenser~~ carousel as in Claim 12 in ~~which, said carousel comprising~~

~~a base structure,~~

~~said base structure including a base member and a central projection extending upwardly from said base member,~~

~~a condiment dispensing container holding structure rotatably mounted on said central projection,~~

said central projection ~~including~~ includes a bottom ring and a top ring, and a plurality of vertical struts having two ends and extending between and secured at each of its ends

~~to one of said rings upwardly from said base member to adjacent
said holding structure and forming said projection.~~

14. (currently amended)

A carousel as in Claim 12 ~~13~~ in which said holding structure comprises

a hub,

and a plurality of arms extending radially outwardly from said hub and dimensioned to receive a plurality of condiment dispensing containers and to fit under an edge of said containers to support said containers. .

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended)

A carousel as in Claim 12 ~~13~~ including a plurality of condiment dispensing containers held by said holders ~~holding structure,~~

each of said containers being substantially cylindrical and having an engagement structure near its top for engaging with one of said holders ~~said holding structure.~~

17. (currently amended)

A carousel as in Claim 12 ~~13~~ including a plurality of condiment dispensing containers held by said holders ~~holding structure,~~

each of said containers including a retractable pop-up spout at the top for pouring granular solid condiments out of said container.

18. (currently amended)

A carousel as in Claim 12 ~~13~~ including a plurality of condiment dispensing containers held by said holders ~~holding structure,~~

each of said containers having a rotary pre-measured quantity dispensing mechanism rotatable by twisting the lower portion of the housing of said container, and an upper rim capable of use in supporting said container.

19. (currently amended)

A carousel as in Claim 13 ~~in which said projection is removably attachable to said base member, and includes a lower ring secured adjacent the lower ends of said struts, and in~~ which said first locking element comprises a lock tab structure formed in said lower ring and ~~said base member~~ said second locking element comprises a lock tab receptacle for ~~releasably~~ rotatably locking said ring and said base member together.

20. A carousel as in Claim 12 ~~13~~ including in which said hub structure includes a hub member secured to said ~~struts~~ projection and having a bearing structure for rotatably supporting said holding structure at a location above said base member, said holding structure having a hub rotatably mounted on said bearing structure and support arms extending from said hub.

21. (new)

A method for mounting two condiment container carousels atop one another for rotary operation together, said method comprising

(a) providing a first carousel with a base, a first central projection removably secured to said base, a condiment container holder rotatably mounted on said projection, and an upper locking structure on said holder for receiving a mating locking structure on the lower end of one of said projections,

(b) providing another one of said central projections with one of said condiment container holders rotatably mounted thereon, and

(c) manually engaging the lower end of said other projection with said upper locking structure to lock said other projection to said container holder.

22. (new)

A method as in Claim 21 in which each of said first and second central projections has a first rotary lock tab structure at its lower end, and each of said base and said container holder has a corresponding lock tab structure engageable with said first lock tab structure, and said manual engaging step comprising thrusting said first rotary lock tab structure against said corresponding lock tab structure and rotating said other central projection relative to said holder.